

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

Afternoon Session

January 23, 1947

3:00 P. M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

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The meeting was called to order, with Mayor Miller presiding.

## Roll call

Present : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Mayor Miller, Councilman Wolf  
Absent : Councilman Thornberry

Present also: Guiton Morgan, City Manager; Trueman E. O'Quinn, City Attorney; J. E. Motheral, Director of Public Works; Members of the School Board; a Citizens Committee from Govalle, and other citizens.

The Mayor stated that the meeting was primarily for the purpose of discussing further the matter of sanitary sewer facilities for the new Govalle School Building. He then outlined the improvements the City has under way at the present time for Govalle, to wit, a park, the land for which has been purchased; and a drainage system, for which practically all easements have been secured. He stated further that the City did not have the money this year to build a general sanitary sewer system for Govalle, which would cost approximately two hundred thousand dollars, but that probably one hundred thousand dollars of this amount might be included in next year's appropriations; and that in lieu of such general system, the City has agreed to spend ten thousand dollars for a temporary sewer line to take care of the sewage for the new school building, provided the School Board would spend a like amount for a pump station.

The meeting was then opened to discussion.

Whereupon, Mr. Ralph Wolfe, Chairman of the Citizens Committee from Govalle, presented a letter addressed to the School Board, urging them to carry out their promise to build the Govalle School this year, and that they not let the matter of ten thousand dollars, the cost of the pump station, stand in the way of getting a new building, declaring that the condition of the septic tank in the present building was a grave menace to the health of the children.

R. W. Byram, President of the School Board, stated that the Board was faced with the problem of selecting four out of six schools to be built this

year, and that they had made commitments to build the Ridgetop School instead of the Govalle School.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Ralph Wolfe submitted two propositions to the School Board: (1) that the School Board make a commitment now that it is willing to move the school from Ridgetop back to Govalle; and (2) that, as an alternative, they build partial units, consisting of class rooms without auditorium or gymnasium, at both Ridgetop and Govalle Schools to relieve the crowded condition and afford class rooms at both schools. To this, the School Board replied that they would have to have an official meeting before making any commitments.

It was then the sense of the meeting that the Citizens Committee meet with the School Board for further discussion of the matter.

W. T. Caswell came before the Council and submitted a proposal for the conversion of the triangle of ground owned by the City south of 24th Street on Lamar Boulevard into tennis courts, to be built jointly by the City and himself, the designing and cost of the buildings to be erected thereon to be under his supervision and paid for by him; and the landscaping of the grounds to be under his supervision, but paid for jointly by him and the City, the estimated cost to the City being \$25,000.00.

Following a discussion of the matter, the Mayor declared that the proposition was a commendable one and should be done, but that all the City could do now was to instruct the Director of Public Works to have a topographical map prepared and survey made by an outside engineer; agree to pay 60% of the architect's fee; and instruct the City Manager and the Director of Public Works to work out the details of the plan with Mr. Caswell and submit same to the City Council for consideration.

The meeting was then recessed at 5:45 P. M., subject to call of the Mayor.

Approved: Tom Miller

MAYOR

Attest:

Hellen McMillan

City Clerk